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“The Eagles’ Efforts ”

This past weekend, nearly 40 football players from Flagstaff High school volunteered to help the Flagstaff Fire Department remove firewood from the forest. The wood is a by-product of a forest thinning project where the Flagstaff Fire Department’s Fuel Management Crew cut selected trees to reduce the risk of destructive wildfire and help restore forest health. The wood will be made available free to the public in an upcoming free firewood giveaway later this fall. Utilization of this wood for heating and cooking is a great alternative for material that might otherwise be burned in slash piles.

Removing this wood is part of the Fire Department’s efforts to reduce smoke emissions from prescribed burning operations. “Where possible, wood is made available to the public which has the added benefit of lessening the smoke impacts to the surrounding community. Removing this larger wood greatly reduces the amount and duration of smoke from our burning operations,” states Community Firewise Coordinator Mark Brehl.

The Flagstaff High School football team is working to complete 5,000 hours of volunteer service throughout the community this summer. Volunteering helps promote team cohesiveness as they work towards a common goal and allows them an opportunity to strengthen their sense of civic engagement by teaching them that they can contribute to the well being of our community. This summer the Eagles hope to give something back to the community which supports the FHS Eagles throughout the season.



Free firewood give-aways will be announced later this fall. For more information contact the Fire Department at 556-1207, or visit: www.flagstaff.az.gov/fuelmanagement to learn more about our program and what you can do to protect your property from wildfire.